PRICE ONE CENT.

NEW YORK, TUESDAY, JULY 7, 1891.

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1 O'CLOCK.

Four Murderers **Electrocuted** at Sing Sing.

Current Applied Twice, as in Kemmler's Case.

Slocum, Smiler, Wood his death and Wood's. This was a little longer time than elapsed between the second and Jugiro in the Electric Chair.

at 4.43 and the Last Died at 6.06

# Quadruple Execution.

PRECIAL TO THE EVENING WORLD.

ness of the electrocutions that in each case there was an apparent revival of the the proceedings. rent was turned on a second time.

The electrodes were not applied to the top of the men's skulls and the base of the spine as with Kemmier, but to the foreheads and

The current was kept on as least twenty seconds on the first application, with a power

In spite of the fact that the sponge were

kent wer, all the executed men were burned cosses by the current, especially about the legs.

The physicians all ligree that death was caused by the first centact, and that the ap-

parent revival was merely the reflex muscu-

All the witnesses who have spoken agree that death was lastantaneous and painless, wor course, I knew it. I purchased all and that electrocution was proven to be a the appliances myself, and we tried and

INTECIAL TO THE EVENING WORLD.

electrocated at the prison this morning in THE EVENTER WORLD.

JAME - J. SLOCT M. at 4,43 o'clock. JOSEPH WOOD, at 5.38 o'clock. SHIBUYA JUGIRO, at 6.06 o'clock.

HARRIS A. SMILKII, ni n. 1316 o'clack, with this machinery.

Prison, with electricity as a means of executing the death sentence upon condemsed

Witnesses assert that there was no horror, in any of the four instances, similar to that of the Kemmler case in Auburn Prison last

It is asserted that the four men died with-

This fact is asserted by all the witnesses oupled with the statement by each that he is pledged to secrecy, as to details, by Warden

It was 4.43 o'clock when he died. He walked to death bravely, and although a little nervous when he faced the chair, he caimly seated himself, and was electrocuted so quickly that the expression on his face was not changed, according to the reports of one

Slocum was accompanied to the chair by Fathers Creeden and Lynch, who supported him in his trying ordeal.

Smiler came next. He was always cow ardly, and he walked tremblingly to the chair, supported by Chaplain Edgerton of the prison and Rev. Mr. Law of New York. It was 5.1316 when the electric current was flashed through his body, killing him

utes between the deaths of these two.

Wood, the next to die, followed in twentyfour minutes. He was shocked to death at 5.38, and Pathers Creeden and Lynch, who attended him, said that he met a painless

Jugiro, the Jap, was the last of the four to die. He had been threatening to make a last fight for his life, and it was deemed wise to get the others out of the way before approach-

Contrary to expectations the Jap was very docile, as is indicated by the fact that only twenty-seven minutes elapsed between and third man, but shorter than between the

Jugiro died at 6.06 o'clock.

DISPOSITION OF THE DEAD BODIES. Immediately after a man was killed, ht ody was placed in the room in the rear of the electrocution room, where the autopsies began soon after the Jap was killed.

There are now but two murderers left in be death cells here-McElvaine and Trezza. The witnesses to the execution returned to the Warden's private apartments as soon as the electrocutions were finished. They vere there breakfasted by the Warden, who desired to keep them all together until the autopsies were performed and the certificates of death were signed, according to

Fathers Creden and Lynch went directly and his guest, Rev. Mr. Law, the Tombs chap-

DEATH WAS QUICK AND PAINLESS.

Rev.Mr.Law said he was pledged to secrecy

Prison, said there was no doubt that the mentary statement:

electrocutions were absolutely painless. before it fell. Its eyeballs were as natural as of the new method of administering the exin life after death, and this was the condition treme penalty of the law. Sinc Sinc. July 7 .- It is stated by a wit- of the men put to death this morning.

was not a struggle or hitch at any stage of ment to crime."

"When the current was turned into a man's realize that death had occurred."

DR. ROCKWELL'S STATEMENT

Dr. Ainhonso D. Rockwell, the man who devised the electrode and who was one of the no more than this." three commissioners appointed to supervise the electrocution, was the first of the experts to emerge from the prison.

Dr. Rockwell hurried to the depot to catch an early train for New York. He said:

"We are all pledged to secrecy; but I do not think I am violating that pledge in saying that all four executions were unqualified suc-

"The men all died painlessly and without

struggie. Further than this I cannot speak KNEW THE MACHINERY WAS ALL HIGHT. Ex-Warden Brush, who has been stopping

for a day or two with his daughter here, drove down to the prison entrance this morning to ask how the electrocutions passed off. On being told that perfect success had

attended them he said: rejected many pieces. It took us a year to get the machinery perfected.

"We gave the horse 1.800 volts, and he was press had gathered around the big orison this killed before he toppled over.

It was a dramatic scene. The watchers as Kemmier did at Auburn, The first great experiment at Sing Sing | Warden Brush added that he did not be stood in groups in the gray light, watching | Jugiro, the Japanese, was perfectly doctle.

FORRHEAD BLECTRODS.

INTERIOR OF ELECTROCUTION ROOM, SHOWING DOOR THROUGH WHICH CONDEMNED MEN ENTERED, THE DEATH CHAIR IN POSITION, THE EXECUTIONER'S CLOSET AND THE DEAD ROOM IN THE REAR.

sides, he considered it a barbarous way to the excitement became intense.

execute a man. Warden Brown says that he refused to grant Lawyer Haire's petition for a stay in of the details of the electrocution passed the the case of Woods, on the advice of Deputy | night in Warden Brown's private apartments. Attorney-General Rogan. Haire hung around the outside of the prison the Warden's family having gone away to fact that his beard was trimmed down a

until the signal was given telling that Woods | escape the excitement of the occasion. had been electrocuted and then started for the depot.

Dr. Carlos F. MacDonald. President of the morning. State Lunacy Commission, about 8 o'clock e from the prison to the depot, where he met an assistant with a case of surgical in- room and made a final examination of the truments with which to perform the autopsy | machinery.

on the bodies of the dead criminals. MORE EFFICIENT THAN THE GALLOWS. but he was willing to say that death had Rev. Dr. Law, Chaplain of the Tombs, who The dynamo supplying the village with chamber, so that no matter if the official kill-Statements by Witnesses of the come instantaneously and painlessly, and he was one of the witnesses, and with Chaptain electric light was stepped at 3.30. This was log was a success or the direct failure the considers electrocution a decided success. | Edgerton, of the prison here, attended Smiler | done in order that the power of the engines | public should be kept ignorant of the lact.

E. A. Brown, purchasing agent of the State in his last hours, has made this supple- should not be divided. "The men died instantly and painlessly. I test of the machinery," he said, "was dead cutions, but new I am convinced of the success

"I thought it would take away the stigma

Further Dr. Law would not say. preserve silence regarding the execution, he trocution-room.

" We agreed to keep allence. I prefer to say

WARDEN BROWN'S GUESTS. The witnesses and the scientists. In charge They were the sole occupants of the house. to cut his beard yesterday is disproved by the

The Warden's guests retired early at his re quest, and were called at 3.50 o'clock this

Before they arose Capt. Hilbert and Electri- p o'clock. He took a cab and hurried to the ctan E. F. Davis had gone to the dynamo

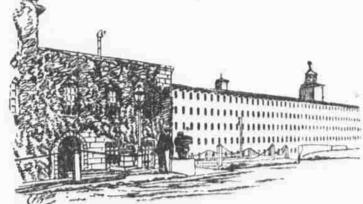
Then Capt. Hilbert went into the engine room and took charge there.

At 4 o'clock the Warden's guests were all assembled in the Warden's parior. The "The horse killed yesterday in the final came here prejudiced against electrical exe- shutters had been closed, and only a glint of as to those who were charged with carrying light escaped to convey to the watchers that

WITNESSES MARCH TO THE DEATH-HOUSE. The Warden gave his witnesses final in-"Each walked calmly to death, and there of the gallows, which I believe to be a deter- structions as to what he destred of them, and ing-room.

Questioned whether the paper signed by | Here the procession was formed, and. body he died so quickly that it was difficult to the witnesses last night was an agreement to headed by the Warden, started for the elec-

> An Inclosed walk had been built from the rear basement door, along the prison wall about fifty feet, to an iron-barred gate which



closed with a clong after the witnesses had trial. as to whether the jugglers with the law

Heve in electrocution. In the first place he and waiting for the death signals, and as one All the men were killed by the first con- and sat down. His feet were their and his said it was not deterrent of crime, and be- after another of the fateful flags was raised tact. The positive electrode was applied, as arms and head firmly fixed to the proper in the Keminler case, to the top of the head, places. He was ready in a moment

SHIBEY'S JESTES

LEG BLECTHOOR.

JAMES SLOTUM.

autopsy was concluded. died quickly. Five minutes after he was killed the black smoke from the stack told that preparations

were being made for the next manweek ago in anticipation of the execution. smiler had been aroused, and while Slocum ate his breakfast Smiler was being prepared

ot to eateh a south und train to the autopsy-room Smiler was placed in the porter that the witnesses of the execution seat of death. In a fraction of a second after

THE DEATH WATCH OUTSIDE. The hours after midnight were anxious one to the watchers outside the prison as wel

out the sentence of the law. At 3.30 o'clock the electric lights in th own went out-half an hour earlier that usual and all felt that the supreme momen

was at hand. The buzzing of the dynamo could be plainly card by the reporters outside the walls. The

lemned four. Soon after 4 a. M. the witnesses and jure vere ushered into the death-chamber. The experts had examined everything and were

satisfied that there would be no hitch. Slocum was awakened at 3.30 a. m., and as

"Not quite yet," Principal Keeper Con aughton repited, " but it will be soon now is boy." Slocum gave a sort of gusp as in

Nevertheless he steadled himself, and after tremulous minute or two he said "All right, I will be ready." He bathed his face and hands and made

cick preparations for his breakfast. While he was waiting for his last mest of arth his spiritual advisers came into his cell was supposed that Jugiro, the Jap. would

His breakfast was ready. He ate sparingly and as the intactes passed and there was a trules. The positive electrode was placed on both instances. He was killed in a shocking of boiled eggs and coffee, and at 3.15 he sig- nothing to indicate that his execution had sifed that he was ready for the supreme taken place. It was feated that no had made operformion. The negative electrode was claimed would be the case.

"When that was done, we killed the old would permit it to take its proper course, and Two of the witnesses to the execution, who positions. There wasn't as much formal elapsed after Wood had been executed when Stau Sixu. July 7 .- Four murderers were black horse last Pall, as told exclusively in the doubt had become so fixed that but few refuse given their names, were seen by an order about the march as there used to be in it adjusted and the wires attached the three eighteen seconds. Then the switch was IN THE DEATH CHAMBER.

Slocum walked stendily to the awful room. "We could kill a man every two minutes that were to announce that the lives of None of the men struggled or resisted when His arms were tied behind his back and a Slocum, Smiler, Wood and Jugiro and been placed in the chair. Instead, they assisted strap on his legs allowed him to step about their autopates, beginning with Slocum, the

No time was lost. When the death-chamber

murderers executed this morning.

before death ensued will be revealed, perhaps, has to tell it.

# DETAILS OF THE KILLING.

An Eye-Witness' Story of the Events | Laudy turned the switch, in the Chamber of Death.

INVECTAL TO THE EXENTED WORLD: SING SING, July 7: One of the witnesses of the electrocutions, whose name, for obvious reasons, cannot be printed, gave, to an Even-ING WORLD reporter the following: account of

chamber some of them appeared very nerv-

" The stiffes door which concealed the switch-board on the outside of the executions. ered about Drs. MacDonald and Rockwell and electrocution, who proceeded to shoul the electrician in the dynamo room.

" Five bells, the signal to 'get ready,' was soon followed by one tall which signified: Turn on the current.

Immediately the meandescent maps on the switchboard gave out their white light, and the relentlets turned the current into the collimeter, then into the amperemeter, and when fully satisfied with its indicated power they informed the Warden.

"Warden Brown, Deputy Warden Connaughton and two keeper-deputies then entered the death-cell building to bring forth. the trembling wretch who was first to pay

" Fathers Creeden and Lynch were sugaged with Slocum when Warden Brown and his

deputies entered. "Slocum had been selected as first victim, and as soon as the good priests, had finished

their supplications, he said he was ready and stepped out of his cell with abscrity. "The walk to death began. Pollowing the Warden and his deputy came Slocum, be- on the chair, but kept his eyes fixed on the tween the two priests, who held aloft in front of him a crucifix, at which he steadfastly

gazed. The two keeper-deputies brought up the rear of the fateful procession. slawly the heavy doors swung back, and with solemn tread and mion the little process

sion walked into the room where the sflence of death prevailed:

"They had but a few steps to take. The the bell and the current was applied. He chair was directly in their front.

"As the leaders parted the chair stood out in all its awininess before the man about to behind the brick wall, found them in the final

to protect those who were watching his life, was about to take place.

wire, and the closet from which pended. "Back to the chair it came. like a needle to the straps were secured the fatal spark was a magnet, and he started as though he had his grip on the world, seemed brighter, his

> "The witnesses were grouped to the left of more chances," the chair. The scientists stood in front of Jugiro did not vary his daily order for the

the) read like a book as it masked in the and the like. . The executioner was heard to rise from

" With an attempt at a smile Slocum scated andicated that they fully appreciated their number in the chair, and leaned his head back dreadful predicament-

rdy preparing in to shaved. as Fathers creeden and Lynch took up a posts creatures fell asleep and during the still

Wood came next, and then the last, Jugiro, thou in front of him he again directed his gaze. Watches of the night only their regular easy sat in the chair, and the tragedy was come at the cross while tennanghton began tasten walled and grated chambers of death ing the straigh.

to be in perfect played all condition. This is an average of twenty-nine and one- He took his eyes from the cross long third minutes for the last three executions emogh to aid beporty Warden Combaughton Assuming that Slocum took but the average in his tass, and then, until the shield was He Was the First Victim of the Pres-

> body, and his args are (light)) bound to the other numbers who was executed by elecnon-rest. Then his arms were fastened and (c) my, the new meth of of administering the Should end longer move a mustle. - Finally an oddly arranged sev of straps

eron ans exes were put in place. "Now Drs. Ma Denald and Bockwell and palaless.

Shorum bead, the same as in the Keminter unanner. It was not a single, paral electrocution. The negative short short which took his life sway as it attached to the right leg, the trousers having It was a succession of powerful, remini was bound in the chair,

scientists glanced at the switchboard and turned back and a careful examination of the The four bodies lay in the dead-house at 6 Said that the current was steady and regiso'clock, and the doctors proceeded to make tered 1,000 volts.

repeated in the case of any one of the four physicians among the witnesses drow nearwhile the laymen stood back as though not The rapidity with which the deadly work sure of their nerves

was done redounds greatly to the credit "Dra. Daniels, Southwick and Ward took or Warden Brown's management of the horri- especial interest in these preliminaries, and with watch in hand, waited the signal.

In every case a single application of the - Warden Durston, of Auburn Prison, stood electric huld proved effective. Whether the alongside Warden Brown and offered suggesmen suffered in the small fraction of time tions. All this had taken less time than it

> " Prof. Landy's hand grasped the handle of the switch which turned the current into the wires in the electrocutioner's closet.

" Warden Brown raised his hand and Prof "Then the Warden tapped on the closet

The unknown inside gave a quick pull to his rubber covered lever. The electric fluid was released before the sound of the tap reached Slocum's ears, and like the lightning's flash it sped through his body.

"There was not a tremor of the body as the physician counted the seconds, and when Prof. Landy turned off the current Slocus sat rigid and lifeless in the chair.

. When the electrodes were removed it was discovered that the skull and the flesh of the leg had been slightly burned; but there was no smell of rogating flesh such as made the Kemmier electrocution so horrings.

" The straps were unloosed and the body

carried back into the rear rooms. smiler did not besitate when told that his hour had come, but when the death-chair anpeared before him he almost fell to the floor. Ills knees knocked together, and but for the support of his spiritual advisers he would cer-

"Warden Brown quickly read the death warrant, and Smiler was hastfly seated in the chair. His face took on a ghastly hue, and Connaughten got no assistance from this vie-

plied in a much briefer time than Slocum, and in a few seconds Smiler also was dead.

trodes was noticed as in Slocum's case. "Wood had been prepared by Fathers Creeden and Lyuch while Smiler was going to his death, and he was all ready. He uttered

death supported by the priests. " Wood betrayed no emotion when he gazed

his binding was accomplished so quickly that it was only (wenty-four minutes from

THEIR LAST HOURS.

Usual Care. Sixa, Sixa, N. V., July 7.-The darkness of imperaling down closing in about the four unhappy creatures lashed in the liftle building

Rev. Mr. Edgerton had been with them many just on the edge of the subber must which was hours preparing them for the transition that

The doomed men seemed at tast to be in "The doomed man's gave was rivided on full realization of their awful situation, but Exactly thirty-one minutes after Slocum's the chair. Then it wandered to the daugling showed on sign of weakening

breckfast with stronge care Even Wood, who had been for days losing ordence and his courage seeming to receive

"I stress Pd better have beefsteak and

Neither of the four referred in any way to his chair in the closet and place nimself read) their tapidly approaching end, but all by their shouse, subdued manner and restrained. soft voices, as if they were in the sick room

At the Benath str. between s and 10 o'clock, against the reliber rest as though he was sim-the men lay down to sleep as if only the

ordinary were in prospect for them--The formal smile remained on his face, and - in a peace incomprehensible these miserable

Keepers Partridge and Baxter watched out

ent Electrocution Law. William Keumler, who stiled his mistress, Sing Sing's chair to one hour and forty-six - the straps crossed and recrossed his Mrs. Matilda Zingler, was the first and only

great interest, as it was claimed that death by electricity would be instantaneous and He was known to be croiced and restless. Proc Laudy approached to attach the circs. In Kemmior case, it was the opposite in

> been rolled up for this purpose before stocum throbs, as if the nerves were being torn please by piece from the centres. The current was turned into the body twice. On the first oc-"When the electrodes had been satisfactor- casion the electric throbs were continued for

> To the surprise and harror of the witnesses ered 1.600 volts.
>
> signs of respiration were observed, and the
> other MacDonald and Rockwell then stood gurrent was hastily turned into the wretched on either side of the chair. The other man's body the second time. Kemmier chest heaved and froth gathered at his



people, beside the representatives of the EVENING WORLD reporter before the autopsy. the Tombs. They said that all the electrocutions were morning to wait and watch for the signals completely successful and without flaw. the Warden's deputy in arranging the straps, twelve inches at a pace.

A moment inter Warden Brown touched and the negative electrode to the leg.

Most of the witnesses remained till the

George E. Oliver, a church organist, of Albany, came out of the prison office soon after for his crists by the Rev. Mr. Edgerton,

Mr. Oliver said to an Evening World rehad signed an agreement to maintain secrecy regarding what they had seen in the death-

dawn was breaking, the last for the con-

he sprang from his cot rubbing his eyes he sked, " Is it time?"

ailted that his last hour had come.

and passed about fifteen minutes with him He received hely communion

The invited witnesses who were anxiously The time seemed interactuable, but is waiting for the death scene took up their reality only twenty-seven minutes had

first man statu. was reached Slocum walked to the fatal chair | horrible scenes at Kemmier's execution were | by F

Time between Slocum, and Jugits/a execut- e slocum's eyes were clear, and he appeared their last hours with their charges in silence tion one hour and twenty-eight minutes. for execution, four men were summoned, pre- placed on his face, his lips moved in prayer. pared for death and killed by electricity in as he looked fixed) at the cross,

There was a great seal of auxiety among

the watchers in front of the preson after the

make a good deal of trouble. a struggle against his fate.

his last home. AUTOPSIES BEGUN-

All the witnesses agree that hone of the by F, Jay, is the best in the city. Exclusive News. Original features duly. "The di

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tim in arranging the straps. "Smiller was bound and the electrodes ap-

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no word when his time came. He walked to

Smiler's end until death came to him.

They Order Their Breakfasts with Their

acts of devotiona-Rev. Fathers Creedon, Lynch and Hogan and

while fully realizing that their hours wer demand did not forget to order

applied, and Smiler's soul was on its way to received a shock from the wire when the new attention the good price Wartien began reading the death warrant. Wood said to Principal Keeper Connaugh

> the switchboard watching the current, which past week, calling toy sardines, raw onlons Stocum and Smiler's order began with oat tamps and through the recording instru- meal purplage and finished with ham and

breathing broke the awful slillness of the

KEMMLER'S TORTURE

extreme penalty of the law in this State. He was affect of the Authern State Prison flags had told that Wood was executed, for it that bound his chair in one position and cov. on Aug. 6, 1800. The execution a